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1. AT CLOSE OF SECOND WEEK OF ACADEMIC YEAR, IREX
JUNIOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM DEVELOPING WELL SO FAR.

2. SOME EXAMPLES:

A. QUESTION OF LENGTH OF STAY AND AFFILIATION IN
CASE OF GRANTEE HELGESON QUICKLY IRONED OUT TO GRANTEE'S
SATISFACTION BY MHE.

B. GRANTEE BRECKLE REPORTED TO EMBOFF ON VISIT
TO CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE TO PICK UP AIRFREIGHT. AFTER
EXTENDED WAIT FOR CUSTOMS INSPECTOR, BRECKLE FINALLY
IDENTIFIED SHIPMENT. INSPECTOR ASKED BRECKLE TO
OPEN FOR INSPECTION, AND BRECKLE THEN REALIZED
HE HAD NOT BROUGHT KEYS WITH HIM. INSPECTOR
QUESTIONED HIM BRIEFLY ON HIS REASONS FOR VISITING
USSR, WITH BRECKLE EXPLAINING HE WAS ACADEMIC
EXCHANGE, AND THEN CUSTOMS INSPECTOR SAID, QUOTE
IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRIES FOLLOWING THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE,
I WILL RELEASE YOUR BAGGAGE NOW, SO YOU WON'T

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HAVE TO RETURN HERE WITH THE KEYS. END QUOTE.

C. HANDICAPPED GRANTEE BARBER, ABOUT WHOM THERE WAS MUCH CONCERN EARLIER, HAS BEEN MOVED TO LARGER HOTEL ROOM AND IS NOW OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS IN HIS WORK. BARBER RECENTLY ARRANGED VIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR INITIAL CALL AT MINISTRY RESEARCH INSITUTE TO DISCUSS HIS WORK. INSTITUTE SENT CAR TO HOTEL TO PICK UP BARBER AND MOTHER, GAVE LARGE LUCH IN HIS HONOR ATTENDED BY SEVERAL LEADING INSTITUTE OFFICIALS, AND PRESENTED HIS WITH PROGRAM OUTLINE WHICH AGREE FULLY WITH HIS OWN RESEARCH PROPOSAL.

3. MGS INOTDEL CONTINUES TO BE COOPERATIVE AND HELPFUL IN RELATIONS WITH GRANTEES. INTENSIVE LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM, NOW COMPLETED, RATED BY GRANTEES AS EXCELLENT AND, BY THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED PREVIOUSLY, AS DEFINITELY BETTER THAN IN PAST.

4. RE STIPENDS: GRANTEES HAVE NOW RECEIVED TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN RUBLES FOR SEPTEMBER.
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